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SUBJECT: CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN
ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

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1. ON RECEIPT REFTEL, EMBASSY BEGAN CONSULTATIONS WITH
APPROPRIATE NON-GOVERNMENTAL CONTACTS AND OFFICIALS OF
FRG FONOFF AND AGRICULTURE MINISTRY TO URGE EXPEDITIOUS
ACTION ON SUBJECT CONVENTION. EMBASSY HAS ALSO
FORWARDED ARGUMENTATION TO REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO
THROUGH FRG FOREIGN MINISTRY CHANNELS.

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2. FRG INTENDS TO RATIFY CONVENTION AS EXPEDITIOUSLY
AS POSSIBLE. ACT OF RATIFICATION HAS ALREADY BEEN

DRAFTED BY AGRICULTURE MINISTRY AND INITIAL COORDINATION WITH OTHER MINISTRIES IS COMPLETE, AFTER SLIGHT DELAY (EXPLAINED BELOW). ACT WILL NOW BE COORDINATED FOR SECOND TIME AND SHOULD BE PRESENTED FOR CABINET ACTION IN FOUR TO SIX WEEKS. AGMIN SOURCE IS CONFIDENT RATIFICATION PROCESS WILL BE COMPLETED AT LATEST BY END OF L974.

3. PROGRESS ON PREPARATION OF ACT OF RATIFICATION HELD UP BY FRG ECONOMICS MINISTRY DURING FIRST ROUND OF COORDINATION AMONG FRG MINISTRIES BECAUSE OF PROBLEM OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONVENTION BY EC. TO DATE ALL EC MEMBERS EXCEPT THE NETHERLANDS AND IRELAND HAVE SIGNED THE CONVENTION. ACCORDING TO AGMIN SOURCE THE NETHERLANDS REFUSES TO SIGN BECAUSE ACCESSIONS TO THE CONVENTION WOULD REQUIRE CHANGES IN DUTCH CUSTOMS LAWS WHICH GON REFUSES TO MAKE. LACK OF EC UNANIMITY ON CONVENTION MAKES SIMPLE ABSORPTION OF ITS PROVISIONS INTO EC REGULATIONS IMPOSSIBLE. ACCORDING TO AGMIN SOURCE, ALTHOUGH FRG WOULD PREFER CONVENTION APPLY TO EC AS WHOLE, FRG ECONOMICS MINISTRY GAVE APPROVAL TO RATIFICATION OF CONVENTION BY FRG ON ITS OWN, AN OPTION WHICH EXISTS UNDER EC RULES WHEN THERE IS A LACK OF AGREEMENT IN EC PROPOSED REGULATIONS AND A MEMBER STATE WISHES TO PASS NATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR PROTECTION OF HUMAN AND ANIMAL LIFE. FRG HAS REQUESTED ITS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE AT EC COMMISSION IN BRUSSELS TO BRING UP THE QUESTION OF THE CONVENTION AT THE COMMISSION'S NEXT MEETING. IN ADDITION, UPON COMPLETION OF CABINET ACTION ON DRAFT ACT OF RATIFICATION AND SUBMISSION TO PARLIAMENT, EC COMMISSION WILL BE NOTIFIED OF FRG'S INTENTION TO RATIFY CONVENTION ON ITS OWN.
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